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Limpopo MEC for Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure Ernest Rachoene together with the Deputy Minister for Transport, Mr. Mkhuleko Hlengwa, held a bilateral on the state of roads in the Province.

This engagement is part of the October Transport Month (OTM) which is observed annually, led by National Department of Transport. The Transport month observation, amongst others, seeks to promote road safety awareness, showcase projects and learn best practices as well as to highlight the Transport sector contribution to economic development.

The engagement focused on the Provincial Roads Maintenance Grant (PRMG), which is an allocation from the National Department of Transport to support road maintenance needs of Provinces.

The Province shared on initiatives the department has embarked on in order to accelerate service delivery. MEC Rachoene, illustrated the Provinces character of being rural and it's strategic location, as a gateway to Africa, which is what drove the Department to be innovative and launch #DikgerekgereWednesday programme, above and beyond the grant allocation.

Deputy Minister Hlengwa, welcomed the presentation and acknowledged the importance of #DikgerekgereWednesday service delivery initiative and that moving forward there should be a thinking around issues concerning PRMG use, being extended for yellow fleet procurement.

He emphasised the critical need for tender management, in order to create agility in implementation of projects.

The two executives concluded with an agreement that technical teams of both National and Province should meet regularly in order to work efficiently towards building a road network that facilitates ease of connection and ease of movement.

Immediately after the engagement with the Deputy Minister,
MEC Rachoene went on the ground to monitor maintenance of road D4254
Myngenoegen Dalmada road where the work of #DikgerekgereWednesdays has been carried out blading the unpaved portion, and also patching potholes on the paved stretch of the road which leads to tourism and farming communities.

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